

St. John News

August 31-September 6, 2025



St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church & School
North Tonawanda, New York

School founded 1846
Church founded 1853

*St. John is a Christian community called to worship and sent to serve, welcoming all to walk with Christ and grow in faith.
School: Nurturing children academically and spiritually toward a life of witness and service in Christ.*



Sunday, August 31

- Worship – 9:00 AM

Tuesday, September 2

- First Day of School!
- Elders' Meeting – 6:30 PM

Wednesday, September 3

- Worship – 7:00 PM

Saturday, September 6

- Men's Group – 7:00 AM

Sunday, September 7

- Worship w/Communion – 9:00 AM

Wednesday, September 10

- Worship w/Communion – 7:00 PM

Saturday, September 13

- Men's Group – 7:00 AM
- Breathe and Believe Brunch* – 10:00 AM

Sunday, September 14

- Worship – 9:00 AM
- Education Hour – 10:15 AM

*Ticketed event. See page 2.

SAVE THE DATES:

***NEW* September 21:** Confirmation meeting for students and parents – 6:00 PM

September 28: Christian Education Sunday – 10:00 AM

October 5: Voters' Meeting – 10:15 AM

November 15: Vendor Fair – 9:00 AM



Did you miss last Sunday? Check out Sara's announcement about Real Life Faith here →



Sunday School and Adult Bible Class resumes Sunday, September 14th.



North Tonawanda Inter-Church Food Pantry is open Monday-Friday, 10 am – 12:30 pm and supplies much needed staple items to individuals and families. To contribute nonperishable food items or toiletries, drop them off in the large donation box under the Information Center table.

REAL LIFE FAITH
Women's Small Groups

Terrie's Group
Sanborn Area

Katie's Group
High School & College Age

Lynn's Group
Moms of School Age Kids

Nicole's Group
Women Seeking or Searching

Sara's Group
Sunday Evenings

Patti's Group
Tuesday Mornings

Women of All Ages: You are Invited!

Real Life Faith, a new ministry at St. John, is hosting small groups for women this fall. A place has been prepared just for you! Groups of 6-8 women, facilitated by a trained leader, will meet to read a small section from the Bible, talk about it, and explore how to apply it to their lives. Get more information and sign up at www.stjohnnt.com/RLF or pick up a flyer in the narthex. You are welcome to come to the first session to see if it's right for you. No Bible knowledge necessary.

Real Life Faith is hosting the *Breathe and Believe Brunch*

Saturday, September 13, 2025, 10:00 AM -12:30 PM. Please join us for uplifting worship, brunch and connection with other women. *Plus: A basket raffle with three great baskets.*

Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased after church or email RLF@stjohnnt.com. If ticket cost is a hardship, scholarships are available. For more information, contact Patti at 716-228-0791. Ticket deadline is September 10th.

Breathe & Believe

A Refreshing Brunch for Women

WHEN	TIME	LOCATION
SEPT 13	10 AM - 12:30 PM	St. John Lutheran North Tonawanda

WWW.STJOHNNT.COM/RLF | RLF@STJOHNNT.COM

Lego Time Thank You!

Thank you to all who supported Lego Time at Camp J.O.Y. (Our Savior Lutheran Buffalo)! We met for 4 sessions this Summer and brought Lego and the Gospel to 30-35 children. Through your generous donations Our Savior is able to keep and use all the Lego bricks used with the children, and each child received their own Lego set at the end of the Camp. Thank you also to our volunteers: Patti Norris, Val Nicolas, Bekah Borgstede, Bob Borgstede, Josiah Borgstede, Mark Rogers, Annie Kelly, and Pastor Mike! From Barbara Glover, Camp JOY director: "This has been the most awesome activity Camp JOY has ever experienced! All of The children were thoroughly engaged and loving every minute. You and your volunteers are outstanding and God's gift to us. I pray that we will be able to do it again next year."





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Greetings,

We are just days away from the start of another school year, our 180th school year. We have 157 PreK 3-8th grade students enrolled at St. John. Our hallways and classrooms will be filled with eager learners and committed teachers. Praise God! Please pray for our students, staff, and families as we begin this new chapter together.

Did you know...

- Our theme this school year is "Let's make a joyful noise to the Lord all the earth!" Psalm 98:4
- Our church/school picnic on September 28th is also Christian Education Sunday. I love the opportunity this gives for our church and school families to come together for worship and fellowship. The students will be singing during the service and teachers will be commissioned at that time.
- We have a few new staff members to welcome for the upcoming school year: 3rd grade teacher Hannah Evert and Art teacher Marla Crawford.

Blessings,
Katie Gundell
Principal

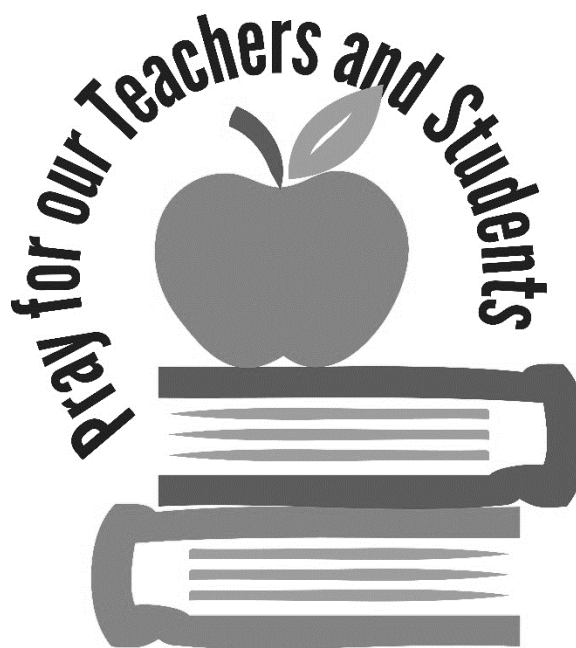


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- **Search for School – zip code 14120**
Select St. John Lutheran (Ward Rd)

Plus, use referral code TU7M919F when you sign up and get 25 Bonus Box Tops when you scan your first receipt, while supplies last.

Use the link below to download the Box Tops app:



Pray from home or at the school: Take a Prayer Walk booklet from the Information Center and pray over our school as we begin and throughout the year.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Please **ask permission** to publish prayers that are not for yourself.
Private prayers – pastormike@stjohnnt.com or 716-693-9677 option 7
Contact the church office: churchoffice@stjohnnt.com or phone: 716-693-9677 option 2

Short-Term Prayers—Please use the back of your Connection Card or contact the church office if you would like to renew prayers or submit new requests.

- Owen Licht – Health concerns
- Megan Reynolds – Continued healing
- The church, school and community of Annunciation Catholic School in Minneapolis, MN
- Praise God for the birth of Evelyn Rose, born to Joel and Mary Nelson (Evelyn Rose is granddaughter to Bill and Mary Ellen Nelson.)
- Shelly Erwin – Upcoming surgery
- Wende Reiner (niece of Barb Manning) – Cancer diagnosis
- Michael Barrett (grandfather of PreK student)

- † For the beginning of the new school year
- † For places of conflict: Ukraine & Israel
- † For more unity in our home, community, and nation
- † That we might proclaim the Word of God to the lost, so they can see their need for a Savior and know Him



Long Term Prayers

Donald Schultz, Frank Cornell, Doug Rich, Rick Hamilton, Donna Martin, Shelly Erwin, Mary Schlegl, Jaycee Schmitz, Annie Kelly, Barb Manning, Doreen & Larry Damba, Jason Barry, Dean Scirri, Elsbeth Kaus, Doris Wollaber, Paul Greinert, Ken Musall, Owen Arizmendi, Kim Snell, Matthew Wallace

In the U.S. Military: David Hoppe, Stephen Marshall, Ben Bahr

The Bereavement Department at Niagara Hospice provides grief support groups in Lewiston, Sanborn, and North Tonawanda. Please see the posting on the bulletin board.

Please note:

- Short-Term prayers are kept on the prayer list for 4 weeks.
- Updated prayer requests will be considered renewed.
- If you would like your prayer request to be moved to the Long-Term Prayers, please contact the office.